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## Talks for Schools, Youth Groups, and Student Leaders

Ishaan is a teen author, nonprofit founder, and student leader who speaks directly to students about starting projects, leading peers, and taking action before you feel “ready.”

His talks don't sound like lectures.

They feel like real conversations - grounded in lived experience, mistakes, experiments, and wins that students recognize as real.

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## What I Talk About

### Start Before You're Ready

The psychology of beginning at 13, 14, or 15.

Why waiting for the “right time” is the biggest mistake young people make - and how to take the first step even when you're nervous, unsure, or scared of failing.

Students learn:

- Why confidence usually comes *after* action
- How to move forward without having everything figured out
- How small starts compound into real impact

### Building Something When You're Not the Oldest in the Room

Leadership as a teen - with mistakes, humility, and experiments.

How to lead when you're the youngest person in the room, and why that can actually be your superpower.

Students learn:

- How to lead peers without titles or authority
- How to earn trust through action, not age
- Why being underestimated can work in your favor

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## Why Schools Invite Me

- **Relatable**  
I'm a teen talking to teens. No corporate language. No condescension.
  - **Teen-to-teen credibility**  
Students listen because I'm living what I'm talking about - right now.
  - **Real community impact**  
Every project I talk about actually exists and has changed something.
  - **Authenticity**  
Honest stories about starting things, messing up, and learning fast.
  - **Action-oriented**  
Students leave with concrete ideas they can start *this week*, not just motivation.
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## Formats Available

### 20–30 Minute Talk

Perfect for assemblies, leadership kickoffs, or special events.

### 45–60 Minute Workshop

Interactive session with Q&A and guided breakout activities.  
Ideal for student councils, leadership groups, and clubs.

### Panel Participation

Available to join existing panels on youth leadership, service, or entrepreneurship.

*Every session is customized to the age group, interests, and goals of your students.*

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## Let's Plan Something Awesome for Your Students

If you're looking for a speaker who connects with students *as peers*, and helps them move from ideas to action, I'd love to work with you.

### Request a Visit

**Download the Book: *Audacity to Start***

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